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Dear Sir:

This is the first letter report on Task Order No. S and it describes the activity during the period from December 19, 1957, to January 18, 1958.

During this first month, the working drawings for the rectangular-cross-sectioned burial container were started. Materials to be used in fabricating some of the container parts were ordered and the fabrication of a die for forming the container shell was started.

On May 29, 1956, Task Order No. D was undertaken to design and develop a rectangular-cross-sectioned container which would be used for underground burial. The effort on this program resulted in three prototype containers which satisfied the originally indicated requirements as described in our proposal of April 23, 1956. On June 28, 1957, efforts were initiated on Work Orders Nos. XIII and XIV under Task Order No. A to evaluate the prototype containers further and to make selected minor modifications in their design. The research performed on these programs eliminated the minor deficiencies in the prototype container design, particularly with regard to the stiffening of the top of the unit, and the development of an improved latch mechanism for the opening and closing operations.

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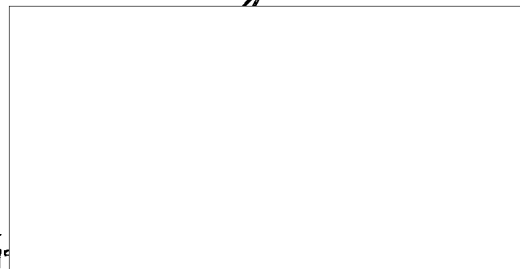
On December 19, 1957, the current project, Task Order No. S, was undertaken to prepare and test 10 rectangular-cross-sectioned containers modified in accord with the results of the previous research and to prepare a set of appropriate working drawings.

In preparation for the fabrication of the 10 containers, the working drawings have been started, and the materials required for some of the container parts have been ordered. The forming drawings for the lid, flange, and bottom parts of the containers have been completed, and have been transmitted to a commercial fabricator for price quotations.

Originally, we had intended to purchase a special press-brake die for use in forming the container shells. However, we have found it more expedient and cheaper to fabricate the die in our own shops. This work has been started.

During the coming month, work will consist of completing the working drawings and the press-brake die, and ordering the formed parts.

The original appropriation on this Task Order was \$12,709. As of January 1, 1958, the unexpended balance was approximately \$11,800. *not*

Sincerely, *A*

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